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THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

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Theology.—God is personal and biune, with a triunity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-Man or the Man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

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man brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

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Church and State.—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Government of the New Age will be in the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic, and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is replaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.

The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Divine Political Economy.

The New Order of the World to be Founded Upon the Principles of Equity; Communism the Great Central Principle of the Divine Government.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

THE REMEDY which is to eventuate in a radical reformation, is already silently operative, but will soon burst forth in all the energy of a now confined and irrepressible divine force—the cumulative effort of ages. It is no less than the divine kingdom come to its gestative maturity, when a nation will be born in a day.

SECOND.—The first manifestation of its germinal beginning was exhibited in the God-man, the Lord Jesus. With the incorruptible dissolving (melting into fluent spiritual energy) of that divine form and manifestation, there followed an earnest of what must succeed the planting, when in the fulness of time the divine planting shall come to maturity.

We allude to the spirit and operative efficacy of divine love shed forth from the sacred functional activity of the great High Priest when, after the translation and transubstantiation of his flesh and blood, it worked in those who received that body and blood (through the office and outpouring of the Holy Ghost), a life of common purpose and interest. It brought them all into one spirit, through which individual ownership ceased. All who came under the influence of the Spirit's power sold their possessions, and they had all things common. The time had not then come for the establishment of a systematized government founded upon that principle. The epoch was transitory; and without the organization of a government the temporary operation of the principle without political form, it was sufficient for that transition and the implantation of the element in the race which through progressive infoldings and unfoldings, is to eventuate

in the permanent establishment of a nation of kings and priests.

THIRD.—The foundation of the divine political economy, as inhering in the nucleus of the divine government, is the common use of all things temporal and spiritual. To establish a perfect system upon such a foundation, a discrete sifting process needs to be instituted for the purpose of a critical distinction between that which belongs to the divine system and that which does not. This is the point of failure in the many attempts to institute societal groups. To possess all things common is to possess the things which belong to the economy that it is designed to inaugurate. Therefore the necessity for gathering out of the kingdom all things that offend, retaining such principles as are in harmony with the divine nature, and eradicating all things which belong to the sensual structure.

The man who is living in sensual indulgence, educating himself to believe that such indulgence is a divine institution, and that the sensual passions are ordained of God and must be gratified, naturally—in attempting to effect communital groupings, as he supposes upon a Christian basis—carries with him those things of his sensual nature which he has not yet learned are incompatible with the principles of divine economy.

The Shakers failed because they could not perceive the law of the appropriation of the forces conserved through the enforcement of celibacy. In their growth they have extended to the limitations or confines of their specific use, and must decrease. Celibacy of mind and body must become operative for a specific purpose.

The forces thus conserved must be appropriated according to divine order, and this cannot be effected except through an absolutely scientific knowledge of the divine methods. We mean by this a knowledge of God's law, of which Scriptural law was but a type or shadow.

FOURTH.—The number of sub-centers is ordained of God, and these are complete in their ordination. None will operate as subsidiary centers or *nuclei* in the formation of the Order except such as are evolved and involved to relative and specific degrees; and such will be denominated by the Messenger of the Covenant, who will select them according to and because of their specific uses in the divine economy.

One of the specific uses of the office of the Messenger is to confirm God's appointments, and to assign to their offices those who shall succeed him in his office work. Not only is he to confirm them in their active specifications, but he is to distinguish the characteristics of those who are for Christ and those who are against the Christ of God, and point out to the world such as are to follow him in the work of regeneration, as shepherds of the flocks. This is preparatory work, for when the labor is complete there shall be one fold and one Shepherd. That Shepherd is CYRUS. After his translation those who fulfill their divine appointments in ordering the structural arrangement of the great Temple of Life, will come into their complete divine uses, not before. They come into their partial functions in proportion as they acknowledge the manifest Sign of the Lord's second coming.

In conclusion, the remedy which in the divine economy it is designed to apply, comes through a radical revolution in both church and state. The rapidity of the changes that are to bring about the result will exceed all previous changes in the world's history. Modern evangelical Christianity, so called, diluted with a conglomeration of all the paganisms of the world, will suddenly crumble to the dust.

The governments of the world, devoid as they are of every spark of the divine principle—love to the neighbor—will find their sepulchre in the valley of the decomposing carcass of a polluted and hypocritical church; but from their ruins, resurrected into the law of the economy of everlasting life, the new and living First-born shall arise, clothed upon with the Lord's righteousness, bright and shining as the noon-day sun, kindled into the glowing heat of overwhelming love to God and man. Such is the change and such the kingdom to succeed the crumbling ruins of the old church which, though now corrupt, had its inception in the very heart of God.

The course of creative energy shapes itself through modification of form and function, into orders, genera, species, and families, without which there can be no coherent integrity and perpetuation.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SINAI.

The Law of God is Eternally Binding; the Lord Christ Came Not to Abrogate, but to Fulfil It.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

THE MOUNTAIN upon which the thunders of Jehovah declared the unity of God and man, and where the electric current chiseled the tables, upon the faces of which the finger of God's lightning engraved the law, was called Sinai. Like the law itself, whose significance has been shrouded in impenetrable mystery till the Lion of the tribe of Judah should open the book and loose the seals thereof, the significance of the word Sinai has been reserved for the final revelation.

Thunder has its origin in a point of detonation—that is, a point of no tone. The sound of thunder is the responsive reverberation or reaction. God, from the deep darkness, calls to man; and when he answers back in responsive obedience to the call, the thunders utter. The most learned Hebraists have failed to transmit to us the meaning of the word Sinai. Its signification, however, is a wail, howl, cry, or call from the mire. It is a compound of *sin*, mire, and *ey*, wail or howl.

It is strictly by Koreshan authority that we give to the term the foregoing signification; but inasmuch as the principle or law of such a meaning and its linguistic corroboration, may prove interesting and confirmatory of its truth, we deem it both expedient and edifying to demonstrate, from the laws of linguistic construction and etymological derivation, the conclusion at which we have arrived by other methods not now essential to expound. The English word *sin*—transgression of the law of God—is unquestionably identical with the Hebrew word *sin*, mire. "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, [sin of human fleshly passion] and set my feet upon a rock, [doctrine or truth of life] and established my goings." Psalms xl: 1, 2.

A wail or cry is heard from the mire—that is, from *sin*, which is disobedience to or violation of God's law. The Anglo-Saxon word is spelled *synn*, a word originated in a secondary manner through the Hebrew *tsh* (three sounds in one character, *teth* or *tsh*) and *en*. The word *sin*, derived from the foregoing, is composed of the letters or characters, *samech*, *yod*, or *i*, and *noon*, *nun*, or *n*. The ending *ai* can be shown to be identical with *ey*, the Hebrew for wail, howl, or cry. The original word as written was *teth* or *theth*, *yod* (*i*), *nun*, and *yod* (*i*). It would be written in English *tsin*, the *t* being silent. This word signifies mud, mire, or clay, especially potters' clay. The *teth* became exchanged for *samech*, a letter which also has the sound of *s*, and the final *yod*, *i* or *y* in the Hebrew word (for the letter *a* is not written, but supplied as a vowel mark,) was superadded without the *a* or *aleph*; the very weakness of the letter providing and accounting for its disuse.

It was at the foot of Sinai (cry of sin) that the two lines of descent from Abraham—namely, through Hagar and Keturah—coalesced and gathered, comprising the real Sinai, of which the geographical mount was but a type. The first offspring of Abraham was Ishmael, “whom God heareth,” or “whom God obeys.” Ishmael, it will be noticed, was a cross between the Chaldean and Egyptian—for Abraham was a Chaldean, and Hagar was the Egyptian handmaid of Sarah. His posterity inhabited the Arabian desert. Keturah was also an Egyptian. She had children by Abraham, and their posterity coalesced with the progeny of Hagar through Ishmael. The coalescence of these two lines from Abraham comprised the people called Midianites, who occupied the country at the foot of Mount Sinai. Jethro, their prince, became the father-in-law of Moses through the marriage of Moses with Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro.

Now, God was in the “thick darkness,” and spake from thence. (Deut. v: 22, 23.) What was this darkness from which God spake to Moses? The people at the foot of Sinai were a dark or black race, hence the name *arab* or *oreb*, black. The word *oreb*, raven, is the same, and this people was the raven which Noah (“breath of God”) first sent out from the ark; Abraham being that ark. They were a dark people in a double sense. They were a dark skinned people—Arabs, as the name implies; but they were the product of Abraham’s adultery, the product of sin; *sin* being the root of the word Sinai.

Those who have studied this question from only a superficial standpoint, will not be able to comprehend its deep philological and ethnical importance and will no doubt be inclined to regard the presentation as a great play upon words; but we herein purpose to show that the *people* at the foot of the geographical, and not the geographical or physical mountain itself, constituted the real Mount Sinai, of which the physical mountain was but the type or figure.

In the fourth chapter of Galatians we find this declaration: “For this Agar (Hagar) is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.” What does this mean? Merely that the posterity of Hagar, the bondmaid, comprised the *Mount Sinai*, and answered to the Jerusalem in bondage—because these same Midianites, after the destruction of all the male children by the Israelites, were taken of the female children and espoused by the tribes of Joseph mainly, and proved to be the woman influence that subsequently took the ten tribes (the little leaven of the Lord’s parable), and hid them (the ten tribes) in the “three measures of meal,” where they were lost. Sinai will finally be found where, by ethnic filtration, this absorbed people have been transported through the nomadic tendencies of the people who absorbed them.

Moses made conjunction through Zipporah, with Hagar’s and Keturah’s offspring; for she was the product of their coalescence. The word Jether, or Jethro, signifies superabundance, and hence the man through whom came the law of God to Moses, and consequently through whom came the judgment and thunderings of God out of the “thick darkness;” and who represented by his name the superabundance of the world held from the people by their bondage to Egypt. Jethro was the priest of Midian. The Midianites derived their name from their progenitor, Midian, a son of Abraham by Keturah. The root is *din*; judgment, tribunal. (Read carefully the latter part of Exodus xvii, beginning with the 8th verse; following with the entire 18th chapter.) Note the fact that Jehovah had sworn vengeance upon Amalek. The word Amalek is from the Hebrew root, *amal*, labor.

If it be true that the original violation of God’s law destroyed man’s rest or sabbath, and the curse of labor followed as the penalty for that violation, it follows that the final judgment will be the destruction of that curse. This destruction must begin where the curse of labor has heaped up the greatest treasure; where labor has shown if not the greatest, at least a great sign of *economy*. If any one doubts the statement that the vengeance upon Amalek is God’s vengeance upon labor, let him consult Gesenius, the Hebrew lexicographer, upon the subject.

There is coming a day of glorious rest for the world. It will be when the curse of labor is destroyed—and that will be when the love of money, which is the root of all evil, is eradicated by the introduction of the commonwealth; when money will no more be needed. God will thunder again from Sinai. The curse of Amalek will fall upon the oppressor of the people; and the Almighty, through his thunderings, will cause the millionaire to quake, for the people *shall* have rest. The law of God, the law of love involving the law of rest and therefore life, will go forth.



The Processes of Exaltation of the Mind.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

THE RECOGNITION of the Messianic presence calls for the highest love, with the sacrifice of every other. Such a love provides for the exaltation of the thoughts to the realm of truth and purity, so intensifying its aspirations as to preclude the possible descent of the affections into the body. The natural mind determines toward the flesh. The descent of the natural thought toward sensuality so precipitates the substances of the mind, which are the spiritual entities of the spiritual world, that they descend into the germs and sperms of reproduction and become images of the affections, toward which the mind bows down in worship. This tendency of the mind is in violation of the first command.

New Century Studies and Reviews

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CONJECTURES ON ASTRONOMY REJECTED.

The World Will Soon Refuse to Accept the Uncertain and Assumed Foundation of the Copernican System.

THE ESSENTIAL FEATURES of the Copernican system are the supposed revolution of the earth on its axis, its convexity, and its revolution as a planet about a central orb. These hypotheses all seem to explain certain phenomena, but they are not supported by proofs. Could not the appearances observed in Nature be as well explained in a different system,—one posited, not on conjectures, but on facts?

It is a surprise to most persons when a glance at the astronomy shows how few of the notions which pass for facts among the people are really such. How slight a foundation there is for modern astronomy may be seen by expending half an hour in the examination of any school text-book, and in comparing its statements with those of the Cellular System. Here is the subject of the diurnal motion of the earth. The Copernican system explains the diurnal and annual motions of the heavens *by supposing* the earth to rotate each day on its axis, and to revolve once a year around the sun. This statement is from an ordinary text-book.

The astronomical system founded by KORESH and named in his honor, explains the observed diurnal motion of the heavens by the statement that they do actually revolve from east to west every day, as they appear to do. This system is not, therefore, obliged to deal with the insuperable problem of an earth turning on its axis and revolving at the terrific speed of nineteen miles a second. The diurnal movement of the heavens is supposed to be only apparent; it is real. The heavens are three interior spheres composed of the lightest physical elements, aboron, hydrogen, and air. In them every star and planet have a motion. What causes this motion? That of the central sun itself, the *primum mobile* of the cosmos.

The sun appears to move about the heavens in a path called the ecliptic. The Copernican hypothetist says the earth itself is moving about the sun. This is not as simple as the explanation given by Koreschan Astronomy. Again it does not contradict the facts of observation. The projected sun is really carried around in an orbit of about 18,000 miles in front of the light side of the central sun. It appears to describe an annual circuit between the Zodiacal constellations because it is really taking that course. The Cellular System thus escapes the surprising contradiction just noted, of a whirling body taking its way about the sun at such a rate of speed as to endanger everything upon its surface.

The appearance of convexity by which the earth wholly or partially conceals a ship at sea, or a distant

object like a light house, is an optical illusion caused by the principle involving vertical and geolinear foreshortening. This principle is observable in the apparent convergence of two lines of railway tracks in the distance. When such objects as the receding vessel are brought back into the field of vision by a telescope, it is proof positive that the supposed convexity is not a fact. The telescope never could reveal what was hidden behind a bulge of earth or water.

The astronomical concepts of the Copernican hypothesis have included an infinite universe. Very recently Prof. Newcomb has advocated a certain limit for the creation,—very remote it is true, in his opinion, but still a limit. Now, the instant that the universe is conceived as "a bounded whole," such as Prof. Newcomb describes, the thought advances itself, "What is outside this bounded whole?" There is but one possible answer: "Nothing." There can be nothing outside the sum total of all things. "Nothing is unthinkable!" exclaims the philosopher. Of course, it is unthinkable, if one tries to invert the concept. Nothing, as a concept of thought, is the logical opposite of something.

The Copernican system is not making headway. Its own advocates are eschewing the principles long held as facts. The Cellular System is advancing every day, and is sure to be adopted.

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ROOSEVELT'S COMING ADMINISTRATION.

A View of the Affairs of the American Nation From the Basis of Aspects on March 4, 1905.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT that astrology as a science has not yet reached even the commencement of its career; and as true foreknowledge comes through a scientific perception of present and past phenomena, we can lay no personal claim to the exposition of any system that lends itself to that most alluring and enticing of professions—the art of prediction. There are times, however, when the configurations of the heavens are unmistakable in their pronouncements, and when their utterances are expressed in terms which even the tyro is able, in a measure, to translate. Such would appear to be the case at noon in Washington, on the fourth of March of the present year, which is the moment at which the new Presidential term commences.

We are unaware of the reason why, or even the time when this particular date was fixed upon as a mark in time to delimit the regularly recurring periods of Presidential office; but every effect is the result of an antecedent and interior cause, which can best be determined by a critical analysis of the phenomenon. The accompanying figure of the heavens has been drawn up

for the above mentioned date and hour, and displays the early degrees of Cancer rising. There is nothing remarkable in this fact as pertaining to this particular year, seeing that the date is a fixed one, and that therefore the degree rising at that moment differs but slightly from year to year; but it has nevertheless a deep significance when the aggregation of periods is considered.

When the independence of this country was effected, a popular and democratic form of government was established, and the great ideal of the American people became and has been ever since, "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people,"—at least this is the grand theory which for so many years has had the effect of psychologizing the masses into believing that they were enjoying the privileges of free government. King Demos has, in fact, been set up as a god possessing three distinct attributes—namely, that of production, distribution, and possession; and the mar-

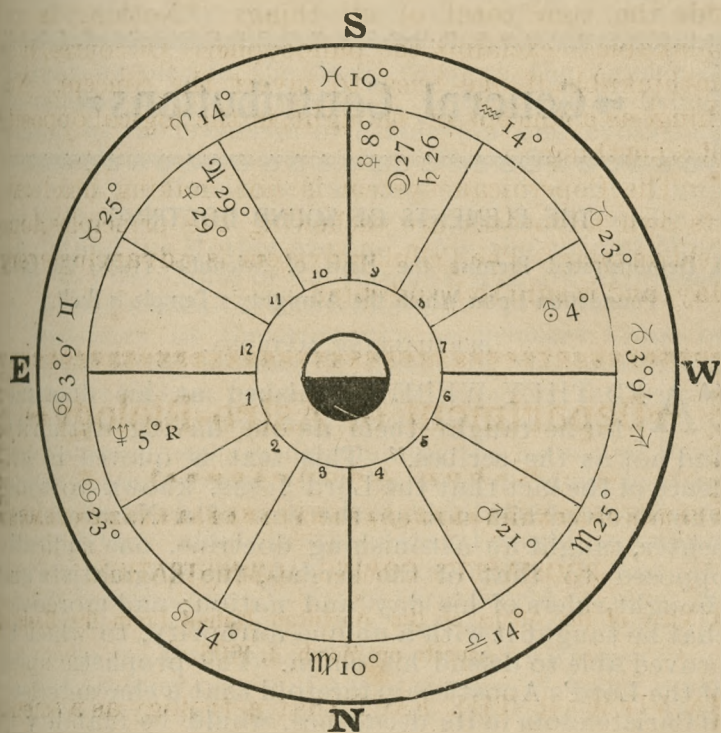
or supply the requirement for which it was brought into existence. Nevertheless, in spite of the fact that genuine freedom has not yet spread its wings on this the Western continent, it is here indeed that its embryo is being developed in the center of the vast womb of the American people. America contains indeed the Goddess of Liberty, but the light of her sun is yet obscured; for the hour of her delivery has not yet arrived. The masses of her deluded common people constitute the uterus of a Motherhood that conceals the approaching light of her imperial Son, heir to the throne of universal dominion.

In the horoscope of the forthcoming Presidential term we find that Cancer, the people's constellation, is rising—which, although not in itself remarkable, presents a feature that in previous years has not been manifest. This is the appearance of Neptune and Uranus in Cancer and Capricorn within one degree of exact opposition, and contiguous to the rising and descending degrees. The former planet is warm, affectional, esoteric, and magnetic; the latter is cold, intellectual, exoteric, and electric. This conception of Neptune by Cancer indicates the most intense and ardent desires of the people for some true form of liberty; while Uranus forecasts the approaching revolution which must precede its birth.

Now, birth in itself constitutes a revolution; it is a turning inside out, and we find that in the histories of all nations, periodical revolutions take place which give birth to a new ordering of affairs. A revolution is one complete rotation of a body round a center; and in relation to time it is termed a cycle. A nation is an aggregation of human entities whose desires supply the force which impels it onward on its journey through the devious and uncertain paths of national life. It walks through a cycle of time guided by the light of its own past experiences, and when it reaches the limit of its circuit it comes into conjunction with its own point of departure. When a nation comes into existence as a corporate body it is often the result of revolution in some previously existing body; and as it marches through its span of life, a separation takes place in the minds of its people produced by progressive and reactionary mental tendencies, whose quality is determined by the general characteristics of the nation.

These tendencies are caused by the polation of the desire nature on the one hand in external appearances, the mere semblance of things; and on the other, in that which constitutes the real life and essence of things. The object sought for is invariably the welfare of the self-polarized unit, or of the aggregate; so that degrees of selfishness and altruism constitute the dividing line between the two tendencies. During the progress of time a nation is in this way involving two distinct ideas respecting form of government and economic rights; and at the close of the cycle, these opposite factions come into violent contact, which produces what we term revolution, and the nation expresses simultaneously that which, during the cycles, has been inwardly impressed on the minds of the people. Or, in other words, it re-evolves or gives birth at the close of its term of gestation. There are of course, many cycles within cycles which cause crises to take place at varying intervals of time, whose intensity depends on the cycle of which it marks the culmination; but it will invariably be found that an epoch of comparative enlightenment, tranquility, and prosperity succeeds the revolutionary crisis, which gradually shades off into the deeper hues of ignorance, disorder, and distress, in the same way that the infant's troubles and mental obscuration increase with its age, and culminate at death.

Neptune being the slowest in motion in point of



Horoscope of the Proximate Presidential Term.

Noon, March 4, 1905.

vel is that ninety millions of apparently wide-awake people can, after an experience which embraces so many years, be still induced by the priest within the dummy, to humbly and abjectly worship at the shrine of this arch-imposition.

Cancer, the crab, is the symbol of the *hoi polloi*, the self-hypnotized public, which contentedly fills its stomach with the offal of the beasts that they have sacrificed to the object of their devotions; it is the house of the lunar orb, and moonshine is the quality of light that illumines the intellects of those who support this shrine of fallacy. We call to mind an occasion not long since when we entered the harbor of New York, near the hour of midnight, at the close of a transatlantic voyage, and with some impatience awaited the appearance of the brilliant electric beams that, as we imagined, were being shed from the summit of America's celebrated statue of Liberty; and we were in no small measure surprised when informed that the illumination had for some time past been discontinued. A fitting symbol this, of the failure of an alleged democratic government to create

time and the outermost of the planets, constitutes the most enduring time of peace and the most intense quality of love. Its antecedent is Uranus, signifying the preceding revolution or crucial turning-point. During the cycle of Uranus the quality of Neptune is involved, and at the close he is turned inside out, and light shines exoterically through and impelled by love. Now, Uranus reaches his culmination in Aquarius, Neptune in Leo, for they are natural coördinates and essentially interdependent; and the time which must elapse between the entrance of the former and the latter into their respective houses will mark the time of revolution, during which society will be reorganized, and which will culminate with the birth of the new nation—denoted in the heavens by transit of Neptune into the house of the Lion. Thus at the present time, Neptune in Cancer indicates the conception of the great love period; Uranus in Capricorn, revolution in high places and impending catastrophe.

The opposition of these two planets in the horoscope now under consideration marks the approaching contest that must take place between the progressive and reactionary parties in this country; Neptune indicates the desires of the progressives for light, and freedom from the shackles with which conventionalism has held them captive. Uranus indicates the reflex of their desires, determinable by the quality of their polation and degree of advancement—this in a circumferential sense. Centrally, Neptune is the insidious influence of the wealthy corporations, representing the conservative and retrogressive type; Uranus is the terrible reaction of the forces which they themselves have created. From whatever point we view these two planets, they signify adverse interests in the state, which threaten to come into conflict and ignite the fires of revolution at any moment, and which during the proximate Presidential term, must give rise to constant disquiet and unrest in the body of the people.

Mercury is in Pisces, and culminates at the zenith or tenth house, which represents the Government; and he trines Neptune, his disponent, who has dignity in Pisces; and sextiles Uranus. Mercury is generally very weak in this constellation, but these two strong aspects give him a firm working basis, and modify the tendency to expend ill-directed force. This position, however, is evidence that there will be legislation in abundance, ceaseless volubility, and restless activity in governmental circles. It suggests a government whose principle objective in politics will be adjustment and settlement of the points in dispute between opposite factions; and there is evidence that these efforts are likely to prove sufficiently successful to enable it to stave off for a time, the culminating crisis. There is additional evidence of this, adduced from the fact that the Moon, lady of the first and second, is fast in the embrace of Saturn, lord of the seventh and eighth houses—the pair being cadent on the ninth house, signifying the fall of democracy and the sad plight of the people owing to the tremendous grip which the lords of finance have on them, and which is fast squeezing the life-blood from the arteries of legitimate commerce.

The Moon however, applies to the sextile of the conjoined Jupiter and Venus, which is an unfailing guaranty that the affairs of the country as a great producing mechanism, will, notwithstanding temporary disturbances, remain in a prosperous condition. As Jupiter occupies the ninth house in Aries, there is every likelihood that an *entente cordiale* will grow up between this country and England which may crystallize into a formal treaty. This is rendered more probable by the appearance of Neptune, England's planet, on

ascendant of this American horoscope. Mars is strong in Scorpio, but is not very prominently situated. He is sesquiquadrate to Neptune and within orbs of the semi-square of Uranus. So it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the United States troops may be called on for service without the confines of their own territory; while Neptune in this relation to Mars shows that during the proximate period there will be ceaseless activity in the navy yards.

The signification of a horary figure such as this, in view of the undeveloped state of astrology, can at best be only very general. We have no intention at the present time, of bringing the predictive side of the science to the fore; and in drawing attention to the accompanying map our desire has been not to gratify any curiosity that may exist in respect to coming events, but to focalize the minds of the people on the great opposition which is now impending and which makes so prominent a showing in this typically American horoscope. It is one of great and world-wide import, and should be watched by all Koreshans with intelligent interest.

~General Contributions~

THE ELEMENTS OF SOUND DOCTRINE.

A Demonstrated Premise the Basis of Scientific Truth; the Great Foundation Upon Which the Almighty's Temple is Built.

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“AND THEY WERE astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” This text is quoted in evidence of the fact that the Lord Jesus, known to those who received him not as the son of a Nazarene carpenter, taught an astonishing doctrine, one radically opposed to that of the scribes, the dogmatists and thought-rulers of his day and nation; and moreover, that he taught it with a unique authority, to which he proved able to defend his claim. The prophetic spirit of the Lord's Apostleship foretold that a characteristic of Christendom in its decadence, would be inability to endure “sound doctrine”—the doctrine which constitutes the foundation of the life of the Almighty in the flesh.

Doctrine primarily signifies that which is taught; principle, the basis on which the teaching rests. A doctrine is reasoned out, and may be defended by reason. Doctrine, to be sound or perfect, must rest on the basis of absolutely scientific principles, originating in a scientifically demonstrated premise and reasoned out therefrom. The Scriptures, recording the operations of the Almighty in his work of effecting the salvation of man in his own image and likeness, report him as saying to salvable man, “Come, let us reason together.” The Almighty addresses himself to the noblest faculty operative in the creation of the divine humanity—the reason. Every true reasoner rationally demands as a basis of reasoning out a sound or scientific doctrine, a scientifically demonstrated premise. A hypothetical premise leads to a hypothetical doctrine, however logical the processes of reasoning may be.

It is inconceivable that the Almighty would accept aught save a demonstrated premise as his basis of reasoning with man, when he communes with him to the end that his fellowship with himself may be that of perfect conjunctive unity. The Lord Jesus declared, “I

and my Father are one," and he revealed perfect man's unity with the Deity. It is rational, then, to conclude that whenever in the course of time, the Almighty estimates the mind of man sufficiently mature to admit of his reasoning with men to the end of establishing a system of God's redemptive life in earth, He will approach their mentality with nothing less than a scientifically demonstrated premise.

On a premise of this stability, the Master-builder of God's Temple of humanity may be expected to construct a platform of righteousness on which God and man may meet to erect the doctrine of their at-one-ment. Upon a scientifically demonstrated premise as a basis of logical reasoning, the Almighty may instruct men in the science of a doctrine so sound, defended by arguments so irrefutable, that man cannot fail to discover himself to be absolutely helpless in his lost and undone condition, apart from the help of rational unity with the only living and true God, the one genuinely scientific Reasoner in the universe. The Almighty compels man to seal his own fate by the most rational scientific processes.

The Almighty, the mental ruler of the universe, invariably communicates every degree of doctrine bearable by men in the flesh, through the agency of the mind of a man in the flesh, with which he brings himself, by the processes of involution and evolution, into absolute conjunctive unity. The unity is so complete that the Messianic Man may say to men: "I and the Father are one;" or, in due season in the order of law, "I and the Mother are one"—for the primal Mind or great First Cause of all thought and its expressed life, is both masculine and feminine.

Inasmuch as the Almighty or primary Cause of universal being, necessarily dwells in the habitation that is the highest product of his thought, the science of God—given by genuinely scientific reasoning from a demonstrated premise, determining the form and function of the universe of which he is God—must lead to the discovery of his individual habitation or personality. Every mind in the natural world is known through the mediumship of personality. If the Almighty is ever known in the natural world it must be through the mediumship of a natural man, called of God to be the Messenger of his covenant with men.

The primary origin of every degree of being must have power to express himself as the fulness of that degree of being, and to reveal himself as the apex of its kind. As the apex of our kind, the Almighty cannot escape being found in the most rationally and universally scientific mind of our age. He must be discovered as the mind offering to the world what it has lacked from the beginning of its history, because not ripe to receive it—a scientific basis of reasoning with the Almighty.

Accepting a demonstrated premise determining as a basis of logical reasoning, the form and function of the universe, you are brought face to face with the personality of the Almighty. Ushered into his presence by his handmaid, Science, reasoning together becomes unavoidable. Having what "the world that was" and "the world that now is" have wholly lacked—the key of knowledge, the scientific Reasoner is prepared to be as God to his people; "as God," we do not hesitate to say, because the key of knowledge is known to be the birthright of the man "born of God," and his legitimate signet. "God is spirit." The Lord God is the spirit of Jehovah, denominated Eloah. This spirit was communicated by the incorruptible dissolution of the Lord's body to his Apostolic Successor, named by him prior to his dissolution as the foundation Stone of his one acknowledged Ecclesia, which is called by him

the Bride or matrix for the gestation and regeneration of his kingdom of Arch-natural Manhood. This Stone or Seed held the germinal beginnings of scientific truth, the very Water of Life, eternally transmutable to the fire of divine love.

The life-giving spirit of the Lord's wisdom and love gave the birth of the Spirit to the heir of his throne, in the year 1870—for at that time the Anointed of the Lord was born of the Spirit. Of one "born of the Spirit" of God it is written: "He that is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he is born of God." He was born into the spiritual kingdom of the Arch-natural domain of absolute science. He is therefore the generation of the righteous, for God, the Spirit of Jehovah, is the just One and the justifier of all who believe in his Name and do his commandments.

One result of the birth of a man into the spiritual kingdom of God, was a precipitation into the natural minds of natural men, of a quickening spirit—giving to such as were ripe to receive it, an impetus to rational thought of both natural and spiritual things; and an awakened ability to estimate the practical value of a scientifically demonstrated premise as the foundation of an all-comprehensive science of Universology. The dogma of "papal infallibility" marked the reflex action of this birth from God of the mind of a man. The dogma has held and holds sway over the minds of millions, in whose thought the only living and true God is not. It has held sway unjustified by any scientific testimony.

The ushering in of a scientific age requires that every claimant to the throne of dominion in its world of thought and action, shall be able to scientifically justify his claims to prescience and precedence of all the would-be leaders of the world's reconstructive forces, for their name is legion. Egotism is almost universal. Every man's hand is against every man to subordinate him. Who shall be first in the kingdom? Who shall say? Reason dictates the answer: "He who can present the only possible scientific basis of rational thought upon which to erect by irrefutable argument, a structure of sound doctrine strong enough to support man in the attainment of the image and likeness of God and his inheritance of the throne of the universe." Whoever can do this is able to stand before the judgment seat of Christ when he appeareth. He may be "judged out of the things written in the books;" and when judged, justified and glorified.

"It is for men to 'judge Messengers,' men who can endure the strong meat of sound doctrine. The doctrine based on the science of the birth of the Son of God is the strongest meat in the world today, and is food for the most profound thought and strenuous life. To eat it unworthily—that is, minus its application to life for the life of the Son of God, is to 'eat damnation.' To condemn the man whom the Almighty has justified, that by him he may be glorified in all his saints, is to condemn ourselves to corruptible dissolution and man's lost estate. To ignore the beams in our own eyes and magnify the mote in our brother's, is to ignore the God of our salvation, the love of truth personified.

Sound doctrine is as essential to the divine life of the mind which is the constructor of the body, as is bone, its scientific symbol and material correspondent, to the life of the body. It should be sought the wide world over as the hidden treasure of inestimable value. For this treasure the Almighty sold all that he had of divine life in the flesh, that with it he might purchase a field from which to raise up as his holy seed, a Man after his own heart, scientific enough to exposit it to the world he would redeem and restore to manhood in the flesh of his own image and likeness.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE AMERICAN PEOPLE manifest characteristics which distinguish them from all other peoples. They generate a quality of thought not found anywhere else in the world. The causes which gave the American nation its birth constituted a great protest against old institutions, against political despotism and religious tyranny. The American continent presents the geographical appearance of having once been united with the land of the eastern hemisphere—for the coastlines of the Atlantic ocean would seem to almost perfectly fit if placed together. Certain it is that the American people have, through centuries of immigration, separated from the peoples of the East, so that a great continent of humanity has moved westward to become a great factor in the processes of destiny. The discovery of America was coincidental with the progress of the Reformation, the revolt against the Catholic church in Europe; and it was in America that religious liberty was ultimately established. Nearly coincidental with the discovery of America also, was the founding of modern astronomy by Copernicus. Progress of the new in science and religion, as well as other lines of thought, was therefore coincidental with the progress of exploration, settlement, and development of America. A spirit of liberty was breathed by the people who crossed the Atlantic and inhaled the fresh air of the American forests, viewed the picturesque wildness, and traversed the openness of the unsettled portions of the great West. The unrestrained freedom of the West developed a new soil for the generation of thought. It was delightful to turn away from the oppressions of Catholicism, in which were manifest the conceit of presumptuous authority; but there soon developed the conceit of agnosticism, which is really the most dangerous type of ignorance. The spirit of true liberty has not been crushed out of America, however; but it does not find place in the hundreds of thousands of the so called free and educated citizens of the West. A measure of the original American conceit is manifest in the Declaration of Independence, wherein it is stated that all men are created equal. The most degraded type of American manhood presumes to be entitled to as much consideration as the most worthy citizen of the nation. There is a coarseness, a crudity, about types of American democracy that is destined to be abolished under the refining influences of the future. The editor of the *Wall Street Journal* has reviewed some freak political ideas of the past, and notes that groups of farmers sitting in the corner grocery store presume to know as much about certain political questions as the most noted and able representatives of the people; and the editor asks, "Is it not a characteristic of the American point of view that it totally disregards the past and take it for granted that history really began one hundred and twenty-nine years ago? We have little or no reverence for tradition. We approach most subjects, religious, social, commercial, financial, with a mind untrammelled by statements of principles and unhampered by lessons of experience. * * It may be asked whether this method of approaching twentieth century sub-

jects is a source of weakness or of strength to the American people. On the one hand, the scope for initiative is wide as the sea and free as the air; while on the other hand, frightful mistakes are necessarily made." It is obvious that the people have made great mistakes; but it is no less true that leaders in the world of thought, men eminent in scientific circles, make *ludicrous blunders*, not only because they wholly disregard the teachings of the ancients, but because they have no standard of reason. Agnostic conceit is still the dangerous type of ignorance, even among the so called learned men of the world. In modern scientific exploration there is a "courage born of ignorance;" strenuous efforts are made to accumulate knowledge; but so "broad" is the agnostic platform, so great the freedom of private opinion, and so utter the lack of a certain foundation for reason, that naught but conflict exists in the mental world—and it will continue until the spirit of truth and liberty, involving the elements of wholesome restraint, brings order out of present chaos.

An Eastern financial publication makes a summary of the financial and industrial conditions in America. In lines of both commerce and industry there is unprecedented activity. There is a period of unparalleled prosperity in the affairs of the Government, and in the affairs of those who control wealth. But if there are great prosperity and activity, there is also an increased discontent. The journal referred to asks why "the air seems charged with the electricity of discontent" amid all these conditions of prosperity? The cause of the discontent in economic and social lines is not far to seek. The prosperity is not enjoyed by the masses; there is not an equitable distribution of wealth, and the people are rapidly becoming apprised of the fact. There is an acceleration of the forces of the nation. The rewards of labor do not keep pace with the facilities for production. But not only is discontent found in the ranks of labor, but in all the realms of human thought and relations. We are approaching the end of the old order of things. Soon the climax will be reached. The great possible trust will soon be formed; centralization in industry and commerce will soon create an apex and focus of power. Already the power of single corporations exceed the power of single states of the Union. The spirit of greed controls; it is ever the creator of discontent, because it begets the spirit of tyranny. The despotism of commercialism is more degrading than the despotism of an absolute monarchy. The cause of the present anomalous conditions in a nation of prosperity, is the mad rush of competition. The love of the neighbor, the brother man, is crushed out. The corporations are soulless and merciless. Human life is counted as naught; the dollar is everything; it is the almighty god of the modern world. The people of the great West have not found happiness in their struggle for liberty; they have found bondage instead. The age is perverted, and man himself is degenerate. The days of plodding are over; the vortex is approaching; the storm

approaches; the revolution impends. Many will ask, Why does war come when peace is the cry? Why does discontent prevail when happiness is sought? Why does poverty exist in a nation enjoying unprecedented prosperity? Why are the elements of disintegration at work when the bonds of economic and social union are instituted? And they must ultimately find the answer in the closing scenes of the drama of the age. The destructive forces will be swift and sweeping; but the making of all things new will follow with its reign of righteousness.

The editor of the *Scientific American* has recently written an article entitled, "What We Know About Sun Spots;" and he immediately proceeds to tell a number of the things he does not know. For instance, in the opening sentence he says, "Several spots have recently been discovered on the sun, one of which, at least, is remarkable for its enormous size of 70,000 miles. In other words, this terrestrial globe might be dropped into the central chasm as a pea into a thimble without touching the sides." A drawing-room is small enough to fall into the arc-light suspended in it! It is really admitted that there are a number of things about sun spots that the astronomers are unable to explain—notably, the cause of sun spot cycles, and difference in the time of revolution of the spots in different belts of the solar surface. And moreover, it is difficult to conceive how "a mass of glowing vapor" could constitute a *vast cavity* in the sun; and equally difficult to conceive how "an immense ragged hole in the crust of the solar surface," a rent in the photosphere "through which we may look down into the lower regions," could possibly be "seen to be made up of a number of long white filaments, twisted into curious rope-like formations, while the central part is like a great flame ending in fiery spires." Other phenomena are puzzling from the modern point of view: "Over these hang what look like clouds, such as we sometimes see in our sky; but more transparent than the finest lace veil and having not the fleecy look of our clouds, but the appearance of being filled with almost infinitely delicate threads of light." Let this be specially noted, in view of the Koreshan conception of the sun spots—materialization or crystallization of zones of scotoic energy evolved from the sun: "With all this, there is something *crystalline* about the appearance of the spot, not unlike frost figures on a window pane. Indeed, the intense whiteness of everything [about the *facula*] is suggestive of something very cold." Wonderful spots, wonderful holes, those! "A mass of glowing vapor," a rent in the photosphere, a mere cavity in the sun, that could present the appearance of so marvelous a structure of crystalline lace and infinitely fine filaments, certainly constitutes one of the manifest absurdities of modern science! Why not reach conclusions in keeping with facts? There is a marked discrepancy between fact and fallacy, but none between fact and truth.

A prominent business man of Florida has recently reviewed the future of the great peninsula State, and predicts that Florida is destined to contain two of the greatest cities of America—which he designates as Jacksonville and

Tampa. The basis he gives for this prediction is in the advantages to be derived from the construction of the Isthmian canal, and the development of the West Indies, South America, and the Orient—all together tending to create two great cities in Florida, which will lie in line with the world's greatest commercial activity. Of course, the two cities are named because they already exist, and are the two principal points in the State of Florida. The creation of a city in Florida as a result of developments springing from great movements, including the construction of a canal across the American Isthmus, was foreshown in the Koreshan literature years ago; and we have many times pointed out the fact that the *vitellus* of the great cosmogonic egg is located in Florida; and it is at the point of the vitellus that the Koreshan Unity has undertaken to build up the City that is destined to constitute the center not only of activity in Florida but in America and the world. The key-note of the development of all modern cities under capitalism, is sounded by the business man above referred to. He has invested largely in Tampa, and has not failed in a single instance to "realize good profits." And he says: "Fortunes are to be made in these two cities, incident upon their rapid growth in the immediate future. The people who are investing now will be among the fortune-makers." Is there no other incentive to activity in lines of city building, than fortune-hunting and fortune-making? The American people seem to think there is no other, else they would make some endeavor to build a city upon a new basis. The great distinctive City of the future will be constructed as a result of the inculcation of powerful motives differing radically from those which now spring from the sway of the competitive system. It is possible to build a city in which fortunes will not accrue to the few for exclusive control and enjoyment, but to the many to be enjoyed in common. The greatness of Florida and of America must come through the establishment of the kingdom of heaven in earth, not through the perpetuity of the kingdom of hades, which has been tried and found wanting.

A movement is being projected to save the Niagara Falls from the ruthless hand of the destroyer. The great corporations need restraint in the appropriation of the natural resources of the world, as well as in stealing the products of labor and in infringement upon the rights of the people. For years, power and manufacturing companies have been diverting the waters of the Niagara from their natural channels into pipes and canals, until the very existence of the American Fall is threatened; and on the Canadian side there are the disfiguring pipes being laid. An appeal is being made to the American and British governments to stop the ravages of corporate greed, before which Nature as well as human energy, is counted as being of little value if it does not contribute to the wealth of the select few. Let the two great governments heed the appeal and thus preserve one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.

The boundaries of the universe may be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out, when the standard of human intellect is discovered.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

Planetary Motions and Relations.

"I would be pleased to have you answer the following questions as clearly and thoroughly as space will admit, in the Inquiry Department of THE FLAMING SWORD: (1) Give a brief synopsis of the laws of planetary movements from the Koreshan standpoint. (2) Why are Venus and Mercury the only two planets that transit the sun's face? In the Copernican system the reason for this is obvious. (3) How do you explain the systems of moons so called, that accompany some of the planets? (4) You seem to take it for granted that there are no undiscovered planets in the stellar realm. Some astronomers believe that there is another planet between Mercury and the sun, and they have been trying to place it during solar eclipses. What do you think? The discovery of another superior planet would, it seems to me, make necessary a change in your ideas and explanations of the planetary system—as you make no provision for more than the number at present known, so far as I can understand your expositions of what the real planets are composed of."

(1) From the standpoint of the Copernican system of astronomy the planets we see in the sky are ponderable and material. They are supposed to rotate and revolve about the sun through some unknown force of impulsion. Numerous and various are the difficulties confronting the scientific world from this point of view. How the forces of centripetal and centrifugal forces maintain their equilibrium and at the same time admit of continual motion of the planets, constitute one of the many unsolved problems of modern astronomy.

The Koreshan System not only explains the cause of the motion of the planets, but also gives the reason for their existence—the *function* they perform in the economy of the universe. The lights above us are not "heavenly bodies;" the visible planets are not ponderable, neither is the origin of their motion mechanical. The planets proper are mercurial discs in the shell of the earth—in the alimentary tract constituting the physical Zodiac of the cosmos. The laws of the motion of the planets are analogous to the laws of the motion of the substances in the digestive tract of the human system.

The principle of the motion is peristaltic. In the human system there is a succession of contraction and re-

laxation of the fibers of the walls of the canal; and where contraction takes place, the substances are moved along to the relaxed portions. In the physical cosmos there is a corresponding contraction and expansion of the metallic shells, through the action of the forces of the sun, and the discs of liquid mercury constituting the planets, are moved along in their progress through their material channels.

We see these discs through a process of reflection; and their apparent motion in the sky depends primarily upon the motion of their respective discs, and secondarily upon the complex effects of refraction of the planetary energies, which give the planets their so called stationary positions and retrograde motions.

(2) In the Copernican system, Venus and Mercury are supposed to revolve about the sun in orbits of less diameter than the supposed orbit of the earth. This conclusion was not reached from the basis of law or principle, but from the basis of appearances. While the usual reason that Mercury and Venus transit the sun may seem obvious, it is not conclusive, for the reason that the basis of the conclusion is an assumption. Without here entering into the subject of the laws of the specific relation of the sun and the two attendants, we will say that the visible Venus and Mercury have an apparent revolution about the sun, not in circles nor ordinary ellipses, but in orbits in the form of curved and flattened ellipses.

The cause of these apparent motions is the oscillation of the points of reflection with reference to the solar projection, and the change of altitude of the spheres of force from which the visible planets are reflected. This admits of the two planets sometimes passing between us and the sun. In the case of Mars a corresponding change takes place in distance from the earth, but Mars is nearer the earth than the sun when in opposition to the sun; hence Mars never transits the sun's face. Every one of the planets have an apparent retrograde motion. In the case of Venus and Mercury the paths

of retrogradation is equal to the paths of forward motion—that is, with reference to the sun. In the case of the other planets, the arcs of retrogradation are short compared with their orbits.

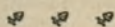
(3) The planets proper are discs of mercury. The so called planetary satellities are reflections from small discs or pools of mercury which move about the larger discs in their progress in the alimentary channel. Saturn's rings are reflections from rings of mercury surrounding the material planet in the earth's shell; and outlying the rings are the so called moons—nine of which have been discovered.

(4) If the universe were constructed after the plan of disorder and waste, and utter disregard of principle or law, we should not be surprised at the discovery of manifold irregularities in the cosmos. We should be constantly on the lookout for freaks, and might hold that there may be a thousand planets in the so called solar system. But the universe is constructed according to the principles and laws of definite relation and order. Everything exists for use, and eternal function inheres in eternal form. There are just as many planets now as there were millions of ages ago. Their functions are definite. The planets belong to the lunar system, not the solar. The fact that the planets present phases similiar to those of the moon, is proof of this. The planets are in the digestive tract of the physical cosmos. Each planet is in its own division of the alimentary canal, of which there are seven divisions.

If we admit a solar beam through an aperture and allow it to pass through a prism, we observe seven distinct colors in the spectrum. They are the seven primary colors. No one ever thinks of it being possible to discover another primary color, for the primaries of this order are in a series of *sevens*. It is conclusive that there are no more primary colors to be discovered. Neither are there more than seven whole tones in an octave. Correspondingly, there are just seven primary metals. The analogous relation of this series of sevens to the seven Messianic

manifestations, is not accidental. They fit each to each with a perfect correspondence.

There are just seven planets proper—no more, no less. Scores of planetoids have been discovered, and more will probably be discovered. There is no inter-Mercurial planet. The astronomers will look in vain for it, during solar eclipses, or at any other time. The number, names, and functions of the seven planets are already definitely known in the Koreshan System, which is a complete revelation of the cosmos; and no changes will ever be necessary in the scientific conclusions of its Founder. This is a bold claim; but the developments of the future will abundantly corroborate and demonstrate that the claim is true.



PLEASURE-SEEKING IN FLORIDA.

Delightful Outings to be Enjoyed in the Vicinity of Estero.

The sea shore constitutes a greater attraction to some classes of people than the stately forest or the mountain range. Used to hills in our boyhood, we envied those who dwelt by the sea. How delightful it must be, we thought, to stand upon the beach and look out upon the surface of the moving waters. Our first view of the sea far exceeded our expectations, and to us the sea is equally attractive today. Moving like a thing of life, and changing in its moods and aspects with every shift of wind, hour of day, and hue of sky, the sea is a source of inspiration to both brush and pen.

There is an attraction about southern waters that is not possessed by other seas. Here the tropical scenery on the main land and numerous islands complements the wonders of the sea in either calm or storm. The waters of Florida are numerous; its coast line is more extensive than that of any other state in the Union, variously indented with bays enclosed by chains of islands. One of these beautiful bays is included in the new incorporation of Estero. In Estero Bay exist scores of small islands with the characteristic bushy green of the mangrove. Beyond the bay lie the majestic waters of the great Gulf of Mexico.

In these waters are the hundreds of varieties of fish, including the silver tarpon, for which Florida is famous. Inland, within a few miles of Estero, is an abundance of deer and wild turkeys, and small game. These are attractions to both resident and tourist. The tourist

may come hundreds of miles to enjoy Florida sport and scenery; the resident on the coast of southern Florida is in the midst of the attractions of the tropics.

The prime object of the Koreshans in Florida is not that of pleasure-seeking. If true to their ideals, there is a great field of work before them. But they have many opportunities and facilities for enjoying all their home attractions. We must not regard them as droll, long-faced, nor fanatical; but men and women who are cheerful, sociable, and hospitable, and who are awake to the enjoyment of their surroundings, and to the possibilities of future development. Neither is their life monotonous, even though far removed from the populous portions of the country, to which they are used. The Koreshans believe in all kinds of innocent sports and amusements, which are provided here for both old and young.

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Great precautions were taken at the funeral of the Grand Duke Sergius, even foreign representatives were urged to remain away, for fear of bombs.

It is reported that the Czar will call a special council to consider the Russian internal and foreign affairs.

The assassin of Grand Duke Sergius predicts other victims of the revolutionists in Russia.

Russian students, in a fiery meeting, decide to close the schools, as a rebuke to the Czar.

The Arabian national movement looks to the expulsion of the Turks from Arabia.

Happenings in America.

The Federal Government begins a crusade against the packers in Chicago, summoning 200 employes and former officials to appear before special grand jury. It is said by friends of the President that the war on the trusts has begun in earnest.

A great mine horror occurred at Virginia City, Alabama, last week, as a result of gas explosion in coal mine. 152 men were entombed, and at present writing it is not believed that one escaped. The work of removal of the bodies is in progress.

Announcement is made in the Senate that no rate bill can be passed this session. President Roosevelt hopes for presentation of a stronger bill next session.

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The Arena.—The contents of the February *Arena* are fully up to, if not beyond the usual standard. The second article in the series of the Masters and Rulers of the "Freemen" of Pennsylvania appears—illustrated, is very interesting. Public Control of the Liquor Traffic in Sweden will be read with interest by many reformers. W. G. Joerns writes an exposure of the refrigerator-car conspiracy, reviewing a crisis in the interstate commerce regulation. The Russo-Japanese War, embracing a Pro-Russian view-point, by Judge Edward Campbell, and reply from the view-point of the facts in the case, by Prof. Edwin Maxey, is worthy of study. Among the departments we must note the cartoons (fifteen in number, reproduced); Editorial Notes, and The Mirror of the Present, as being of special interest. Albert Brandt, Publisher, No. 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

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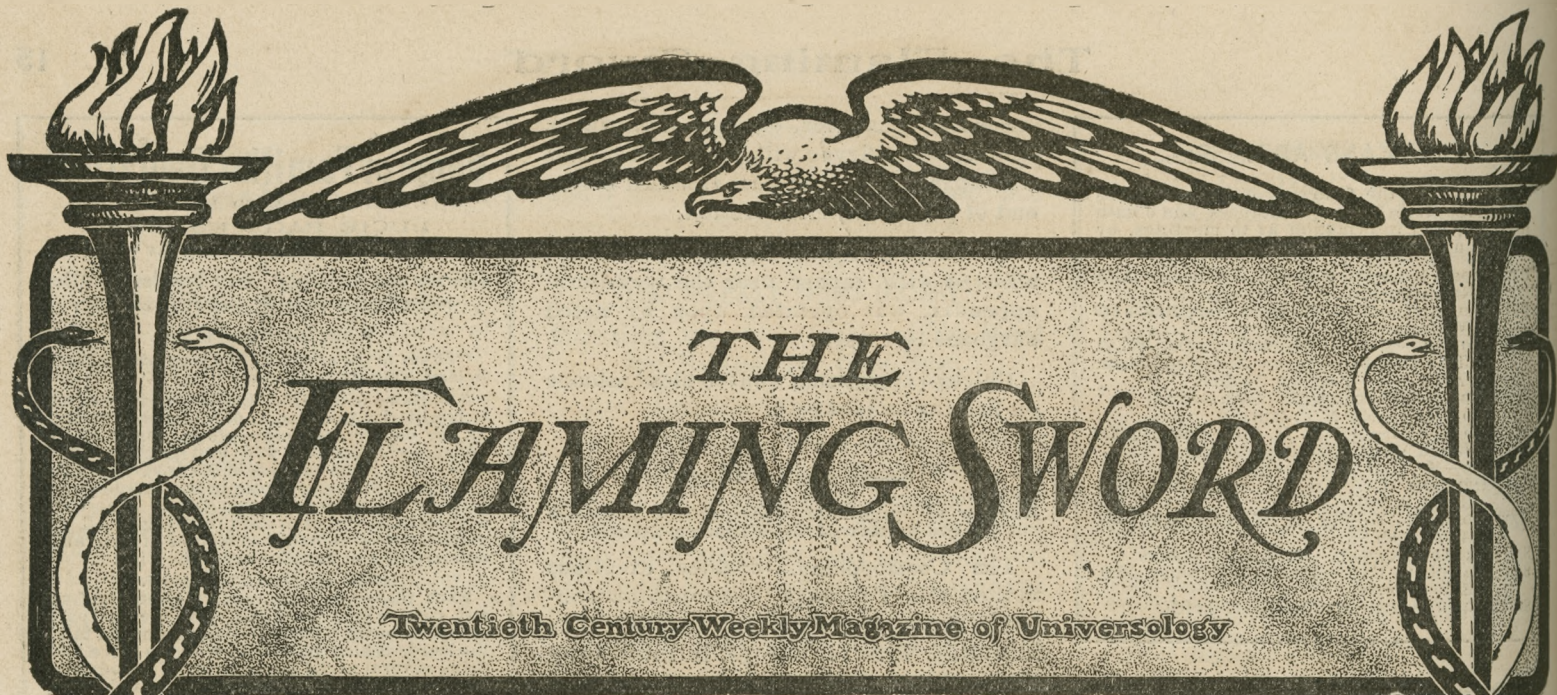
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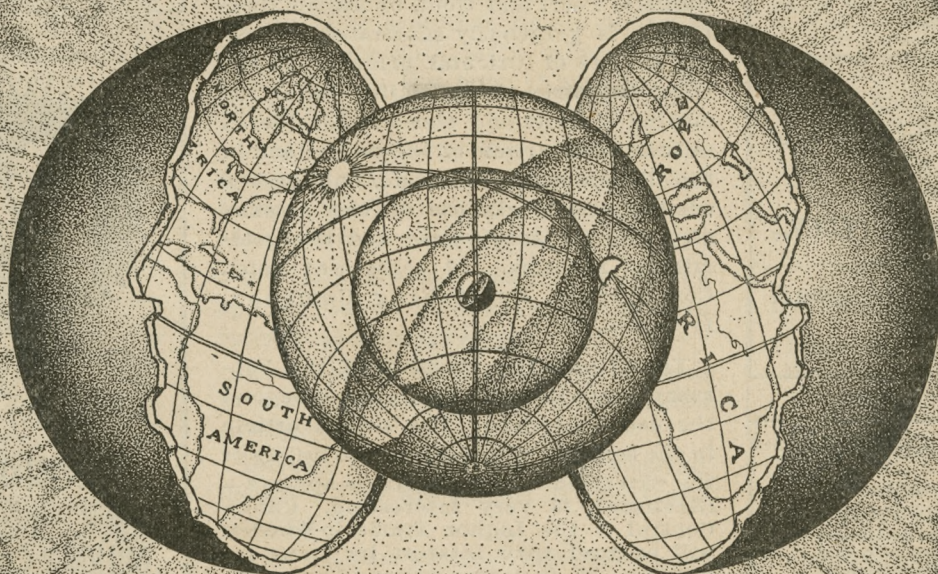
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